

**NOVEMBER 15, 2022  
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MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VERSAILLES MUNICIPAL BUILDING/5:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL: MAYOR BRIAN TRAU GOTT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS LAURA DAKE, LISA JOHNSON, KEN KERKHOFF, AND FRED SIEGELMAN. COUNCIL MEMBERS MARY BRADLEY AND AARON SMITHER WERE ABSENT. CITY ATTORNEY BILL MOORE WAS ALSO PRESENT.**

**DEPT. HEADS: BRANDON BROWN, BART MILLER, MIKE MURRAY, AND ELIZABETH REYNOLDS WERE PRESENT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Attorney Hank Graddy addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Adena Trace and Adena Woods residents regarding the zone change request for a proposed development to be built on the current Barrows property on Falling Springs Boulevard. He distributed a letter to the Mayor, Council, and City Attorney requesting that the City Council hold an additional public hearing or an argument style hearing, noting that he believes the Planning Commission's record is incomplete.**

**Van Sudduth, a resident of Troy Pike in Woodford County, began addressing the Council regarding the soil of the proposed development and the completed engineering study. City Attorney Bill Moore informed Mr. Sudduth that details regarding the zone change and the proposed development cannot be discussed until the Council has made a decision whether to accept the Planning Commission's record and/or to have a hearing.**

**Attorney Robbie Stilz was present on behalf of The Springs of Versailles, LLC, the proposed development for the current Barrows property on Falling Springs Boulevard. He noted that the Planning Commission had held two public hearings and three TRC meetings before reaching a decision and that his client believes the Commission's record is complete.**

**MOTION BY KERKHOFF, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

**The vote was as follows: Dake, Johnson, Kerkhoff, and Siegelman voting aye.**

**Katie Cooley, City of Versailles Event Coordinator, was present to provide information regarding the upcoming Wonderful Woodford Christmas events. She announced the following City events:**

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30pm Tree Lighting (beside the Courthouse) followed by Santa Meet & Greet (in The Galerie). There will be mini reindeer as well as a hot cocoa truck on site. Children in attendance will receive a treat.**
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 – 4:00pm Christmas Rockin' and Shoppin' (downtown) will include DJ Tim Goins playing holiday tunes and free horse and carriage rides from 12-2pm.**
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00pm Christmas Parade (downtown) including Kentucky State University marching band and other miscellaneous floats and performances.**
- December 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 4:00pm (City Hall and Courtyard) Santa & Friends Ornament Workshop including a hot dog truck, a hot cocoa truck, and pictures with Santa, Olaf, and The Grinch outside in the Courtyard, and ornament making inside City Hall.**
- December 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00pm Pet Pics with Santa (Community Trust Bank) Pet pictures with Santa for a \$10 donation to the Woodford County Humane Society.**
- December 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 4:00pm (Courtyard) Christmas in the Courtyard including pictures with holiday cutouts, hot cocoa truck, smores stations, and two large holiday inflatables to jump in.**

**Police Chief Mike Murray presented Municipal Order 2022-11 which establishes a position description for a Victim Advocate position at the Versailles Police Department. He noted that this is a civilian non-hazardous position.**

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**MOTION BY KERKHOFF, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2022-11 ESTABLISHING A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR VICTIM ADVOCATE.**

**The vote was as follows: Dake, Johnson, Kerkhoff, and Siegelman voting aye.**

**Mayor Traugott presented Municipal Order 2022-12 which creates an Ad-Hoc committee to continue work on the Downtown Revitalization Project. Council member Johnson expressed her dismay that after serving for two years on the Downtown Revitalization subcommittee, that she was not named in the Municipal Order to this committee. Council member Kerkhoff stated that he had worked with Mayor Traugott to develop the list of members and that he appreciated her work in the past and that she could definitely serve in some capacity on a subcommittee of the newly established Ad-Hoc Committee. Ms. Johnson reiterated that she wanted to be included as a member and that she did not support having someone who is not a council member (Mr. Kerkhoff's term on the Council ends December 31, 2022) as the committee chair for a \$3.6 million project. Mayor Traugott responded that he was intentional in having the committee chair not be a council member so that they are not able to speak for the City without Council approval. Council member Johnson stated that she felt that the decision to not include her as a committee member was punitive and she was the only member of the subcommittee to not be named to the Ad-Hoc committee. Mayor Traugott noted that two Council members (Ms. Johnson and Mr. Smither) had served on the subcommittee and had not been put on the newly established committee due to being ongoing sources of friction.**

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY KERKHOFF TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MUNICIPAL ORDER 2022-12 CREATING AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO WORK ON THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT.**

**The vote was as follows: Kerkhoff and Siegelman voting aye. Dake and Johnson voting nay. Mayor Traugott voted aye, breaking the tie.**

#### **Mayor Miscellaneous**

**Mayor Traugott noted that City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.**

**He announced the City of Versailles Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 1:00pm. All Council members are invited and encouraged to attend.**

**Mayor Traugott stated that the City and County are partnering on a banner program to showcase Black History Month in February.**

**He congratulated the Woodford County Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Team on finishing their season as State Runner-Up.**

**Mayor Traugott expressed his support for the Woodford County High School Football Team as they play this Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the State Quarter-Finals against Frederick Douglas High School.**

#### **Council Miscellaneous/ Committee Reports**

**Council member Dake stated that the Water and Sewer Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and they are recommending two sewer adjustments.**

**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY KERKHOFF TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 217 LOCUST GROVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$656.20.**

**The vote was as follows: Dake, Johnson, Kerkhoff, and Siegelman voting aye.**

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**MOTION BY DAKE, SECONDED BY KERKHOFF TO APPROVE A SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR 306 CAMBRIDGE COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$359.80.**

The vote was as follows: Dake, Johnson, Kerkhoff, and Siegelman voting aye. Council member Dake stated that the inaugural edition of the Versailles e-Newsletter went out on November 10<sup>th</sup> by email and is available on the City's website and Facebook page. She invited everyone to sign up to receive it by emailing [ereynolds@versaillesky.com](mailto:ereynolds@versaillesky.com) with Newsletter in the subject line.

Council member Johnson praised Ms. Dake and City Clerk Elizabeth Reynolds for the good job they did on the newsletter.

Council member Kerkhoff stated that he would like to restart council conversation on a proposed restaurant tax and that he would like to look at the 50+ cities that have implemented the tax in Kentucky. He proposed a Work Session be held to discuss the tax prior to the first council meeting in December. The council discussed different dates and times and settled on scheduling a Work Session to be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Department Directors**

Public Works Director Miller stated that they are currently running two leaf trucks and not running the chipper as much in order to get all of the leaves throughout town.

Deputy Mills, with Disaster Emergency Management, stated that they have several grants in the works and should know in the next few weeks if any of them are awarded to Versailles/Woodford County.

Parks and Recreation Executive Director Rich Pictor stated that they have received a \$5,000 Kentucky Watershed Grant. He also noted that the Parks and Recreation Board has met regarding Big Spring Park and they hope to soon move forward on revitalization and reconfigurations.

**MOTION BY SIEGELMAN, SECONDED BY JOHNSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(b) TO DELIBERATE ON THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND KRS 61.810(1)(c) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION AGAINST OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES.**

The vote was as follows: Dake, Johnson, Kerkhoff, and Siegelman voting aye.

**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECONDED BY SIEGELMAN TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

The vote was as follows: Dake, Johnson, Kerkhoff, and Siegelman voting aye.

Mayor Traugott adjourned the meeting without objections.

**APPROVED:**

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**BRIAN TRAUGOTT, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ELIZABETH C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK**